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Tribute to Senator Williams

Gulfport, Miss., July 29.—Mississippi's senior senator, United States Senator, John Sharp Williams, is 62 years old today.

In the Congressional Directory, Sixty-fourth Congress, issued January, 1916, will be found a statement as to his birth, education and achievements.

The statement is more marked for the modesty of it than for the information it contains, and yet it contains much that is of interest, especially to the readers of the Commercial Appeal, many of whom, perhaps, will be surprised to know that "the most distinguished Mississippian," who, today, is recognized as one of the ablest debaters and most patriots and statesmen of America, is a native of Memphis.

Senator Williams' present term as senator expires in 1917, but, if he lives until then, he will at once enter upon a new term, as it now is definitely determined he will have no opposition for the Democratic nomination to succeed himself.

In that fact alone is established the highest tribute a self-respecting, spirited people could pay to his character and to his worth as an honest, faithful, capable public servant; his worth to his state and to the nation in the high official station he occupies.

Under the circumstances, amid all the sad vicissitudes of public life which have been characteristic of Mississippi politics for the past few years, and in view of the enemies he has made among the ambitious office seeking men whom the primary voters of this state, swayed by appeals to passion and prejudice, have honored in the last decade, the absence of any open, organized, active opposition to Senator Williams is the most wonderful thing of all the wonderful things that have ever happened in the wonder-creating political history of the state.

Moreover, the wonder of it all simply increases and grows upon us when we stop to consider that Senator Williams has never lowered his standard to silence the clamor or win the plaudits of the populace.

At no time has he ever spread a sail or trimmed his ship to catch the wind and please the crowd when popular breezes were blowing, nor has he ever surrendered his conscience and judgment or furred sail the better to ride angry waves, and outlive storms, when the fury of ignorance and prejudice sought to drive reason from the helm while passion blew the gale.

On the contrary, resolute and courageous in his stalwart virtue and sturdy patriotism, he has unvaryingly precepted the apothegms.

Public office is a public trust, and noblesse oblige, and has persistently practiced as he reached.

And therein lies his strength.
R. W. BANKS.
Gulfport, Miss.

Refreshing Candor

Hon. James A. Cunningham has withdrawn from the race for Congress against "Zeke" Candler in the First District, and in a card to the voters states that he retires because he regards his chances bad.

A few days ago Judge W. H. Hughes of Raleigh, retired from the race for Supreme Court Judge in the Southern District, saying that he didn't think he could be elected.

This sort of candor is refreshing because it is so unusual. It gives evidence of a new spirit in politics in our state. These two men quit the contests in which they were engaged, and in their letters of explanation they had nothing unkind or critical to say concerning their opponents. It is evident that each was a game fighter, but not the sort of "game fighter" who keeps right on even when he knows that he has no chance.

We need that kind of men in public life in Mississippi. It is much better to be a sensible quitter than a poor loser.—Jackson News.

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN

The sawmill plant of W. A. Eberly Wheel Works located at depot. Call phone No. 88 or see D. M. Lutz, Supt.

A Live Cow Testing Association

Shelt Thomas in Progressive Farmer.

The Noxubee County, Mississippi, Cow Testing Association was organized in March of this year and began work May the first. It is composed of 15 members and 500 cows. This is the first association in the state, and in fact is the first one this far south. They have just finished their second month's work, and the members are all well pleased with the record work and are becoming very much interested in their cows.

The following record gives some of the records made in the first two months:

MILK	
In May 19 cows made 600 pounds or over	
" 10 " " 800 " "	
" 4 " " 900 " "	
" 2 " " 1,000 " "	
" 1 " " 1,110 " "	
In June 24 " " 700 " "	
" 9 " " 800 " "	
" 1 " " 1,185 " "	

BUTTER FAT	
In May 3 cows made 35 pounds or over	
" 1 " " 40 " "	
In June 8 " " 35 " "	
" 4 " " 40 " "	
" 1 " " 45 " "	

These records were made on pasture alone, except in a few herds a pound or two of cottonseed meal per cow per day was fed.

Rural Credits Law at Last

"Not so good as we should have liked, but better than we expected." This expresses the view of the National Field, organ of the National Farmers' Union, as to the new National rural credits bill; and this opinion is in line with President Wilson's own moderate declaration: "I look forward to the benefits of this bill not with extravagant expectations but with confident expectation that it will be of very wide-reaching benefit." Says the Field:

"The system as proposed is not perfect, but it is a better one than we had hoped for. It has taken a great deal of thought on the part of congressmen and others to give to the public this piece of legislation, and now we look forward eagerly to see it put into operation. A few months or years of trial will necessarily prove the need of adjustments and changes. The adjustments can be made by the Federal Farm Loan Board, which is to have a great deal of freedom of action, and fundamental changes will be made by congress, for once it gets into action the farmers will demand things for it in a way that cannot be ignored."

These expressions reflect the sentiment of most agricultural leaders. Here, for example, is the view of the Dakota Farmer:

"Carping critics and learned reviewers may find fault; biased enthusiasts and earnest exponents may praise its provisions, but every criticism of whatever nature is at this time purely theoretical. There is no American experience upon which we may absolutely predict the success or failure of this rural credits act.

"Here is the point: We have it. Now let us make it work.

"If we find a weakness in actual practice, let's reinforce that spot. If we find anything workable in this federal farm loan act, we have made as great a stride forward on the economic side of agriculture as was made in operative farming by the invention of that first crude self-binder."

If people ate less meat in summer and more fruits and vegetables there would be less sickness. It was an interesting testimony which a healthy, rosy-cheeked old lady gave at a recent farmers' institute:

"For thirty years we have had home grown fruit on the table at least once every day. We have raised nine children during that time, and they are all living, most of them here today, and in all that time we have called a doctor but once."

The union of the Congregational, the Methodist and the Presbyterian churches of Canada, which has been under discussion for several years, is at last assured. By voting, four hundred and six to eighty-eight, in favor of the proposed union, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church recently removed the last obstacle.

FROM THE PEOPLE

Mr. Editor:

I have a letter from Col. Pink Cagle of Louisville inviting me over to deliver the address to the old veterans of Winston county on next Wednesday, the 9th instant, and he instructs me to invite all of the Noxubee veterans over there. He said he would see to it that they a splendid time and will be well taken care of, and intimated that in spite of the strict prohibition law, he might be able to cure a snake bite if anyone should be so unfortunate as to get bitten.

I hope a lot of our boys will go over and partake of the generous hospitality offered us by the Winston veterans.

Yours,
BIG BUD.

Mr. Editor:

In my article about Oren Poindexter in last week's issue I committed an error in stating that he took the short Farmer's Course. He did better than that. After having taken the B. S. degree at the University he went to the A. & M. and took the M. S. degree there. This equips him for any position that Prof. Kincannon may see fit to tender him. Prof. Kincannon is well acquainted with the young men and women of Mississippi and grasps the best of these to fill positions in his school in Memphis. E. D. CAVETT.

Mr. Editor:

In behalf of the Confederate Pensioners of Noxubee county, I desire to thank our most efficient and accommodating Chancery Clerk, Mr. John A. Tyson for his kindness in mailing to every pensioner on his book, a copy of their application without request from any one, but because he is ever ready to do what he can to aid the old soldiers and their wives. John always takes acknowledgement for any paper whatsoever pertaining to a pension for any veteran without any charge. No county in the state has a more efficient or accommodating Chancery Clerk than Noxubee, and I am glad that he is so willing to help our old veterans who need this aid from the state.

Yours,
BIG BUD.

Cunningham Withdraws

Booneville, Miss., July 31.—The following self-explanatory card was issued by J. A. Cunningham today:

"My withdrawal from the race for Congress is hereby announced. I am close enough to the end to see that the chances for my election this time are bad considering the district as a whole. Two months out of my profession and away from my family and home surroundings convinces me that I will not make another race. The people of my county, Prentiss, were planning a barbecue for my friends from all over the district to be at Booneville, and several hundred citizens to make a tour of the district in automobiles for three days, covering some 400 miles of distance, with a band, etc., all at their own suggestion and expense, as announced by program published. With my views of the situation I had grave doubts as to the propriety of keeping from them a full disclosure of my real feelings in the premises, advised my committee accordingly and we in consultation with other friends concluded this course proper, in view of the unprecedented efforts and expense in preparation by my friends, which would cost them not less than \$2,500 or \$3,000. Out of deference to those for or against the other candidates I refrain from commenting on newly developed conditions outside of my circle of acquaintances so greatly affecting my chance for election. I will make a definite statement after the primary. Neither of my opponents or their friends had any knowledge whatever of my intentions until this course was fully determined. With every expression of gratitude to my friends, who are the best friends in the world, I am,
JAMES A. CUNNINGHAM."

Figures that show the increasing savings-bank deposits tell only a part of the story of our prosperity. In the last six years the national banks in the United States have increased in number from 6012 to 7578, and the depositors from \$7,690,468 to 14,288,059.

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An Excellent Appointment

Anent the appointment of P. P. Garner as Commissioner of Agriculture, the Progressive Farmer has the following to say:

The new Commissioner of Agriculture, Mr. P. P. Garner, will assume charge of the office September 15. He was raised on a farm and has a good general education, with considerable special agricultural training. His experience during recent years as agent of the cooperative farm demonstration work for the district of south Mississippi also gives him a knowledge of the agricultural conditions and needs of the state which peculiarly fit him for the duties of his new office.

The Progressive Farmer wishes to congratulate and thank Governor Bilbo for giving us this rare but wholesome example of one having appointive powers by virtue of political office appointing a man with agricultural knowledge and training to an agricultural executive office. The rarity of the occurrence in this country makes it none the less refreshing and commendable. This is one case where our regret that Mr. Blakeslee is to leave the Department of Agriculture which he has built up does not lessen the warmth of our welcome to the new occupant of that office.

Lloyd-George and Ireland

Mr. Lloyd-George, who is the pacificator as well as the fighting man of the British cabinet, has returned from Ireland with a program that seems likely to restore quiet to that troubled island while the war lasts, and that may prove to be a final solution of its perplexing problems. According to the plan, an Irish parliament will be set up at once, to consist of an appointive Senate and lower House made up of the Irish representatives at Westminster, who are, nevertheless, to retain their seats in the British Parliament. From that arrangement the six most strongly Protestant counties of Ulster are to be excepted.

Their local affairs will still be directed, not from Dublin, but from London. This slightly modified system of home rule is to last until the war is over, when a great council is to decide on a new organization for the empire, including the question of an independent local government for Ireland.

So intense are the feelings of Orangemen and Nationalists, of Tory and Radical, on the Irish question that the settlement will be in constant danger of being upset until Parliament has actually transacted it into law.

The fact that Mr. Lloyd-George has succeeded in convincing all except a very few hidebound English Tories of the wisdom of his plan is a proof of his singular powers of persuasion. Even Sir Edward Carson, the militant leader of the Ulstermen, has agreed to it, and consented to occupy a seat in the new Irish Parliament. But we cannot help thinking that the martyrs of the luckless Sinn Fein revolt had their part in bringing the embittered quarrelers over the future of Ireland to a sense of the necessity of compromise and agreement. This particular settlement would not have met the approval of the rebels, but the fact that they were ready to lay down their lives for a definite end, as they believed, just way of escape from the faltering uncertainty of the relations between Ireland and England stung both nations into a realization that at last talk must stop and action take its place.

The news that Mr. Lloyd-George on completing his work in Ireland is to take Lord Kitchener's place as Secretary for War makes it clearer than ever that he is the strongest man in the British government. When the war began he was the unquestioned leader of the advanced Liberals, but no man was less trusted or more disliked by the conservative part of the nation. Within a year his financial policy won the admiration and confidence of those who had always hated

him. Then as minister of munitions he organized British industry with an efficiency hardly less remarkable than that of Germany. His tact and firmness have conquered the intractability of stolid capitalists and suspicious workmen. He has, it seems, carried through a settlement in Ireland, and now he succeeds Kitchener in the most conspicuous and most important post in the cabinet. Mr. Lloyd-George may never achieve his ambition to be premier of the British Empire, but it will not be strange if posterity sees in the "little Welsh attorney" the chief figure of the great war, as far as Britain is concerned.—Youth's Companion.

"The Only Respectable Disease Is Old Age"

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley speaking in Kansas City recently said that old age is the only respectable disease to die of.

"Hardly one hundred of you here tonight will die of old age," Dr. Wiley said, "the only respectable disease of which man may die. The rest of you are going to die before your time."

"I mean it. You men are burning yourselves up with tobacco and with business cares. You women are trying to shorten your lives by drinking tea, dancing the tango and playing bridge."

"Diseases that could be avoided are going to carry you off. You wait for an ache before you go to the dentist. You ought to go twice a year. The dentist will find a cavity or he will prevent one from coming. Every tooth is worth \$1000."

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